

RON NEWTON, MANCHESTER  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2012*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the incredible public service of one of my constituents, Ron Newton of Manchester, Maine.

Mr. Newton has been a member of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department now for 50 years. In that time, he has served as deputy to three different chiefs, and has put thousands of hours into training, fire calls, and meetings.

In Maine, our small towns often depend on volunteers to staff our fire departments. With their radios always close by, they routinely drop what they're doing to report to an emergency, whether they have to leave work or their families to do so. Just like full-time firefighters, they risk their lives for others, are passionate about their work, and are heroes.

Mr. Newton's five decades as a firefighter is an incredible statement of commitment to his community and its residents—he has something to teach us all about public service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2012*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 308, I was absent due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2012 VIENNA-TYSONS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AND SERVICE AWARDS

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the 2012 Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (VTRCC) Business and Service Awards. Each year, the VTRCC recognizes companies, nonprofits, and individuals in the Vienna-Tysons area who demonstrate exceptional commitment to business and the community.

Since the 1940's, the VTRCC has provided a strategic link between local businesses and the region through participation in community activities, networking opportunities, marketing, support and education. This region has witnessed extraordinary growth, and the VTRCC has been a consistent, guiding voice for business. Fairfax County is considered by many to be one of the best communities in the country in which to live, work and raise a family. A significant factor in that distinction is the thriving partnership between the public and private sectors. Corporations, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions work hand-in-hand with their counterparts in local, State and Federal government agencies. A thriving business community is essential to maintaining a high

quality of life for all residents, just as ensuring strong community institutions and educational opportunities are available for all residents is essential to fostering continued economic growth.

I join the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce in congratulating the following recipients of the 2012 Business and Service Awards:

Business of the Year (Large Company): Transurban.

Business of the Year (Small Company): Washington Landscapes.

Business Executive of the Year (Large Company): Kevin Reynolds—Cardinal Bank.

Business Executive of the Year (Small Company): Diana Carlin—Damon Galleries, Ltd.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Mark Rogoff—Title One Settlement Group, LLC.

Citizen of the Year: Delegate Mark Keam.

Nonprofit of the Year: Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna.

Educator of the Year: David Reynolds—Vienna Elementary School.

Lifetime Service Award: Richard Irons—First Citizens Bank.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2012 Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Business and Service Awards and in thanking them for their many contributions not only to our businesses but also our community.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. LINDA HENKE

### HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2012*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Henke, for her years of service to the people of the St. Louis area.

Dr. Henke is retiring as Superintendent of the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, MRH, where she demonstrated a true passion for excellence during her years of service. When she first joined MRH, the district was one point away from losing its accreditation from the state of Missouri. After a decade under Dr. Henke's guidance, the school district now operates with Missouri's top Annual Performance Report Score; a true testament to Dr. Henke's hard work, dedication, and leadership.

Her personal approach towards the staff and the students has been a hallmark of her tenure. She made a point to know the staff and the students by name, and she attended nearly all sporting events, school plays, and concerts her students took part in. She actively sought to include her students in the development of successful school policies by regularly meeting with an advisory team of middle and high school students to openly discuss problems and possible solutions.

Dr. Henke not only cares about her students' academic success, but also about their health and well-being. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Henke as she has endeavored to provide locally produced, healthy food choices to her students in the cafeteria. She has worked hard to engage students in learning about our food system and teaching them that good eating habits are connected to excellence in education.

Her life has been defined by remarkable service to others. Dr. Henke has an exceptional ability to identify needs and works to fulfill them, as she has demonstrated many times

while leading the MRH school district. A great example of this was when she saw that some students and families had lost their homes and had trouble finding regular meals. She addressed this by developing Joe's Place, where teenage boys can go to find affection, support, a home, and regular meals. In previous years, each of the boys who lived at Joe's Place not only graduated from MRH High School, but also went on to attend college. In many cases, they were the first members of their families to accomplish this feat.

Without Dr. Henke's passion for her students and determination to provide them with every opportunity for success, MRH would not be the model school district it is today. Educators from across the country visit MRH schools to understand how she has transformed the district, and how they can replicate her successful programs in their own districts.

I congratulate Dr. Linda Henke on her retirement, and I thank her for her service to our community.

#### IN HONOR OF MR. STUART J. GREENBERG

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 19, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Stuart J. Greenberg on the occasion of his retirement as executive director of Environmental Health Watch (EHW).

As an EHW founding board member, staff member for 28 years, and chief executive for 19 years, Stu became a pioneer in the field of healthy housing leaving a rich legacy and a number of accomplishments which have led to healthier children and families both in and around the Cleveland area and across the country. Stu was instrumental in establishing the first national conference on healthy homes and, with a small group of peer experts, literally coined the term "healthy home."

Stu's work with EHW was not limited to the inside of the home. As part of his work with EHW, Stu helped to develop Local Emergency Planning Committees, or LEPCs, which facilitate collaboration and information sharing among partners in emergency response. Stu helped to get provisions for LEPCs in the 1986 "Right-to-Know" amendments to the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, better known as "Superfund." Stu's participation and leadership in Cuyahoga County's LEPC over the last 25 years has contributed to the safety of local communities in Northeast Ohio.

EHW, formerly the Council on Hazardous Materials, was not the first organization which Stu took from concept to reality. Stu was a co-founder and first executive director of Spectrum of Supportive Services, formerly Panta Rhei, Inc., a rehabilitation agency now affiliated with Recovery Resources, Inc., for people re-entering the community following long-term mental health-related hospitalizations.

Stu began his college education at Western Reserve University, where he graduated cum laude in 1966 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology. Then, in 1970, Stu